

## PATENT APPLICATION

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## REQUEST TO CONSIDER INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement filed November 20, 2001.

Applicants recently received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due mailed March 3, 2004. However, an initialed copy of form PTO-1449 that accompanied the Information Disclosure Statement filed November 20, 2001, has yet to be received from the Examiner.

Accordingly, Applicants are submitting a duplicate copy of form PTO-1449.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial and return the enclosed form PTO-1449 to show consideration of the art cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed November 20, 2001, which includes a pending U.S. application (Appln. No. 09/704,749).

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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